

Remarks

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-15, 17, 18 and 21 are now in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to include recitations from claims 5 and 9. Accordingly, claims 5 and 9 have been cancelled.

Claims 4, 11, 12 and 15 have been amended to recite "obtained" in place of --obtainable--.

Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to recite "meth (acrylic)" in place of "vinyl" to render them consistent with amendments to claim 1.

Claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 1, instead of claim 5.

Claim 12 has been amended to include recitations from claims 16 and 20. Accordingly, claims 16, 19 and 20 have been canceled.

Claims 13 and 14 have been amended to recite meth (acrylic) to render them consistent with amendments to claim 12.

Claim 17 has been amended to depend from claim 12, instead of claim 16.

Claim 22 has been amended to change "©" to read (C) for purposes of clarification and not to restrict its scope and now includes the proper status identifier.

The objection to claim 22 has been overcome by the amendment to claim 22. The rejection of claims 4 and 11-24 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph has been overcome by the amendment to claims 4 and 12 to recite "obtained" instead of "obtainable".

Claim 25 has been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of being in independent form and not to limit its scope.

The rejection of claims 12-15, 20-21 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Matsuda (JP 55-045761) has been overcome by the amendment to claim 12 to include recitations from claim 16. Claim 16 was not rejected over this ground.

The rejections of claims 1-4, 10-15, and 21-25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hara (GB 2 075 517), and of claims 9 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hara as evidenced by Odian have been overcome by the amendment to claim 1 to include recitations from claim 5 or to claim 12 to include recitations from claim 16. Claims 5 and 16 were not rejected over these grounds.

The rejections of claims 1-8, 11-19, and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Randolph (US 4,131,277), and claims 10 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Randolph have been overcome by the amendment to claim 1 to include recitations from claim 9 and to claim 12 to include recitations from claim 20. Claims 9 and 20 were not rejected on these grounds.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

Respectfully submitted,



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